PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD[621]

Amended Notice of Intended Action

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 20.6(5), the Public Employment Relations Board hereby amends its Notice of Intended Action published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 30, 2017, as ARC 3277C, to give notice that a public hearing will be held. Amendments to the agency's rules to reflect and implement the provisions of 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 291, were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on August 30, 2017, as ARC 3278C.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the Starkweather Conference Room of the Vocational Rehabilitation Offices, 510 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa, in order to receive oral or written comments on the amendments to Chapter 1, "General Provisions," Chapter 2, "General Practice and Hearing Procedures," and Chapter 4, "Bargaining Unit and Bargaining Representative Determination"; the adoption of new Chapter 5, "Elections"; and the amendments to Chapter 6, "Negotiations and Negotiability Disputes," Chapter 7, "Impasse Procedures," Chapter 8, "Internal Conduct of Employee Organizations," Chapter 11, "State Employee Appeals of Grievance Decisions and Disciplinary Actions," and Chapter 16, "Electronic Document Management System," Iowa Administrative Code.

After analysis and review of these amendments, and consideration of anecdotal information concerning the effects of the implementation of amendments to public sector collective bargaining in the State of Wisconsin which are similar in many respects to the amendments contained in 2017 Iowa Acts, House File 291, the agency anticipates that the amendments to Iowa Code chapter 20 may reduce the number of private sector jobs or potential job opportunities for individuals in the private sector who provide legal or support services to labor organizations or public employers in Iowa, although the extent of any such reduction cannot be reasonably determined.